

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION AND PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

This application seeks Commission consent to the *pro forma* assignment of Station WD2XLO¹ (the “Experimental License”) held by ATK Missile Systems Company, LLC (“ATK Missile”) to Alliant Techsystems Operations, LLC (“Operations”).

Alliant Techsystems Inc. (“Alliant”), the ultimate parent company of both ATK Missile and Operations, is a leading provider of advanced weapons and space systems. Its advanced technologies and ammunition are critical to keep our Homeland secure and defend our national security. Alliant is proud to have been chosen to provide key components for NASA’s Space Shuttle and other NASA missions. Through the Experimental License, ATK Missile has been testing and developing its Mobile Ground to Air Radar Jamming System (“MGARJS”). MGARJS’ mission is to detect airborne radar systems operating between 8 GHz to 18 GHz. The radar classifies the signal as friend, foe, or unknown based on a user library. The system will then produce a jamming signal as a countermeasure to the identified threat.²

As a result of Alliant’s General Counsel recently initiating a regulatory review of its FCC licenses, it was discovered that an earlier company-wide reorganization resulted in a *pro forma* assignment of the Experimental License from ATK Missile to Alliant, for which timely FCC consent was not obtained.³ As the prior reorganization did not change the ultimate ownership or control of the license, the restructuring was *pro forma* in nature.

Alliant regrets this oversight, is determined to rectify the situation, and has taken significant steps to minimize the possibility of a recurrence. For example, Alliant has retained telecommunications counsel to provide assistance on FCC regulatory matters with respect to the Experimental License, and in particular, to review prospective acquisitions and corporate reorganizations that could involve the transfer or assignment of FCC licenses generally. Alliant therefore respectfully requests Commission consent to the prior *pro forma* assignment of the Experimental License from ATK Missile to Alliant.

In addition, Alliant and Operations seek Commission consent to a future internal reorganization that Alliant is planning to accomplish in the August 2011 timeframe, pursuant to which it intends to assign (subject to the receipt of prior Commission consent) the Experimental License to its direct subsidiary Operations.

¹ The license for Station WD2XLO is scheduled to expire on April 1, 2011. ATK Missile is contemporaneously filing an application to renew and will file an application to modify the license for Station WD2XLO.

² See *Theory of Operations for U.S. System Test*, Sections 2.3 and 3.1 (Sept. 1, 2004), attached to WD2XLO initial license application File No. 0123-EX-PL-2004.

³ This *pro forma* assignment occurred in 2006.

Commission consent to the instant application will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity as it will permit Alliant and Operations to: a) carry on uninterrupted, the MGARJS program to develop cutting edge technologies that may be employed by the United States and its allies; and b) correct the Commission's database to accurately reflect the correct licensed entity. For the reasons set forth herein, Alliant and Operations request favorable and expedited Commission action.